

NEWS OF THE FARM.

Hints for Stock Owners.

Dock the lambs early that are to be kept in the flock.

The flock should be turned to pasture early, while there is a short bite, but leave them out only a short time at first.

The change from dry feed to pasture should be made very gradually.

Sudden changes cause indigestion and scour.

A run on the rye fields will be good for the sheep and good for the rye.

The difference in the handling of two coats may make several hundreds of dollars difference when they are offered for sale.

Before turning the young horses and colts to pasture, have the teeth of each one examined by a competent veterinary surgeon.

Defective teeth may retard the growth and development of a colt, causing a loss.

Driving on one rein is usually caused by a sharp tooth or teeth.

Don't yank or whip the horse, but find the cause. It may be a sharp tooth or the harness may be ill-fitting.

Some men whip their horses because they are in a bad frame of mind themselves.

Hogs are waste savers. A farm without hogs has many leaks.

The fall litter should come in early September, if possible; therefore the sows should be bred in May.

Do not put any other stock in the pig pasture.

Cattle do not relish eating after pigs, and colts are apt to injure hogs by chasing them.

Look out for creep holes; the little pigs will find them.

Fortify your wire fence by placing boards around the bottom. The tighter these fit to the ground the better.

Swine learn bad habits easily, and are very cute.

The cows should not be driven faster than a walk while on the way to the place of milking or feeding.

Give the calves a clean lock of bright clover or mixed hay every day. You will be surprised how soon they will begin to eat it.

The spring calves should be kept in a roomy box stalls the first summer, so they can be protected from the scalding sun and bothering flies.

When the calf is about a month old separator milk can be given with flaxseed jelly added. Begin with about two tablespoonfuls and increase to a cupful.

This is the month when cows go to pasture through a large part of the country. Give them a good start. Keep them in good heart till they have really made the change from hay to grass. It will pay.

—From May Farm Journal.

Gumption on the Farm.

Be prompt at meals.
Is the mowder ready?
Cold wet May—barn full of hay.
Don't slight the corn corn is King.

A field is not fenced when the bars are down.

Don't put away steel tools wet, dry them first, then oil them.

Lift up your eyes occasionally. All good things aren't in the furrows.

If you think nobody cares for you, have a carbuncle on the back of your neck.

The boy smokes cigarettes behind the barn because dad smokes cigars in the open.

Never lead a colt at the end of a long strap. Men have been killed.

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in this way.

Cut your clover while it is in the bloom. Dead-ripe clover is just about spoiled so far as feed is concerned.

Wood ashes or lime should not be applied mixed with, or in direct contact with, stable or hen manure.

Don't throw out apples, potatoes or turnips where stock can get them, and choke. Either bury or slice them.

After all it is the producing power of the farm that determines the boy in his going or staying. Show him that there's money in it, and he will stick to the old farm like a hand-bur to a sheep's tail.

Don't let the back stop be unsightly with swirls and dishes and hen food, thus screwing food and attracting flies and disease. Cart away all the old cans, broken dishes, old coats and boots, from back places and yards.

On some soils it does not pay to plow too deep. For instance, take it where the plow-point strikes hard pan; so use to pull the horses to death and tire ourselves all out to bring that to the surface. It is not worth while after we have done it.

Here is the most approved method of treating seed potatoes to prevent a scabby crop: Soak the whole seed for two hours in a mixture of one-half pint of formalin (often called formaldehyde) and fifteen gallons of cold water; dry the seed, cut, and plant in ground that has not recently grown potatoes.

Must the horse go? is the anxious query of the Illinois Farmer.

To be sure he must go, and the faster the better. Who wants a horse that does not go? In these automobile speed days the faster the horse can go the better we like him, and soon nobody will be satisfied with less than a two-minute clip.

Probably not one farmer in a thousand ever took his mowing machine guards out and ground them on the cutting edge. Look at them and see how dull they are. Some day before haying, when you have time, just take them all out and sharpen them. You have no idea how much better they will work. The machine will cut almost like a new one.

Tarring corn: In coating seed corn with coal-tar as a protection against crows and blackbirds, put the grain into a pail and pour on enough warm water to cover it. Add a teaspoonful of tar to a peck, and stir well. Throw the corn out in a sieve or in a basket to drain, and then stir in a few handfuls of land plaster (gypsum). Do not pour the tar on the dry seed.

Sometimes folks get a good many irons in the fire at the same time in spite of themselves. Jobs come thick and fast, some days. The best way to do, then, is to keep calm and go straight ahead,—doing all the little things that lie in one part of the farm when you are in that locality, and then go on to something else. Finish what you have on hand. Time brings all out right to the man who works this way.

—From May Farm Journal.

OBITUARY.

R. L. Thompson, better known as Russ Thompson, was born January 22, 1837, and deceased this life April 13, 1916, aged 72 years, 2 months and 13 days. He was converted about four years ago and was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. He leaves a wife and 13 children—6 boys and 7 girls, and several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his death.

He was a Union soldier in the war of 1861. He lived at Kavanaugh at the time of his death and his remains were taken to Mattie, on the right fork of Little Blaine to his old home. The services were held in the M. E. Church, where a large crowd of the kindred and friends assembled, and the Rev. A. H. Miller preached his funeral from the text: "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them which are asleep that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope."

After the services the remains were taken to the old family graveyard and laid to rest to await the resurrection morning. I would say to his bereaved wife and children to weep not for father, but prepare to meet him in the better world, where there will be no more sad farewells.

His death was due to pneumonia.

A. H. M.

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WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

The small pox epidemic in Wayne county is abating, and not much further trouble is anticipated.

The condition of Rev. J. D. Garrett, of Wayne, remains about the same. It is hoped that when the weather gets settled that he will be able to get out.

The Belvard Oil Company will start two strings of tools at work in drilling on their property near East Lynn. Everything points to their efforts as being successful.

It is rumored that the Wayne County Court is contemplating the purchase of the farm of Bostle Brumfield for the purpose of changing the location of the County Farm.

Danville Lodge, I. O. O. F., will turn out on April 26th, and take part in the corner stone laying of the new Baptist church at Madison. A large attendance is expected, as this will be the first occasion of the kind to come off in Boone county.

Having been fed salt of the "off-grade" variety, five mules belonging to the Winfrede Coal Company have died and the death of a number of others is expected. The salt was of the kind used in clearing off snow by the railroad companies and was given to the animals by one of the bosses who did not know that the stuff was poison.

A terrible explosion of a saw-mill boiler occurred on the farm of Marshall Brown, above Madison on Friday morning one of the worst accidents on record in Boone county. Dead, Wyatt Larue, Pennsylvania; injured, Gordon Fitzwater, Milton, probably fatally; R. L. Gibbut, Boone county, probably fatally; Harry Chandler, Boone county, slightly. Thornton and McDermott, well known Coal river lumbermen, had just erected a new mill and had started operation Friday morning, their first work being to cut hickory rails for the extension of their tram way tracks into the timberland.

Although the boiler had been tested previous to the beginning of operation Friday some defect in connection with the arrangements of the steam generating apparatus caused a boiler explosion which completely wrecked the plant. The big boiler was severed in the middle. The half containing the fire box was thrown two hundred feet backward, while the front half was hurled twenty feet, where it lodged against a rock.

Standing in the middle of the Guyandotte bridge last Friday night Rousay Hill, of Lincoln county, dropped his pocket book, containing \$120 in gold. It went between the planks of the bridge and sank into ten feet of water. Hill marked the spot on the bridge and went to the hotel to think it over. Next morning he secured the services of Robert E. Lee Fuller, an experienced waterman. The two went to the bridge and dropped a plumb line from the hole through which the pocket book had fallen to the water. Then they went to the line in a boat and Fuller struck a spike pole into the river bottom and then dived to its base. In less than a minute he rose to the surface with the pocket book in his hands. Investigation showed that the six gold pieces were safe. Fuller received one of the gold pieces for his ingenuity and effort and Hill went back to Lincoln county happy.

The school teachers of the state will have to play fair if they want the good will of the State Superintendent M. P. Shawkey. Within the present school year the department of schools has received several complaints of teachers "jumping" their contracts, and the practice must be stopped according to the order just issued. Some teachers who care nothing for their written or spoken word of honor do it in this wise: They take up a school, usually in a rural district and teach about three months. Then they leave that school and go to another where they can teach a full

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term, thus getting to teach from eight to nine months. The first school is left in the middle of the year without a teacher and oftentimes it is several weeks before one can be secured. Under the law, the teacher should forfeit a month's pay, and this penalty will be enforced. Complaint has also been made that in some instances teachers falsify reports, showing that they have taught more days than they really have. This offense is serious and will not only lead to the revoking of the teacher's certificate, but they are liable to criminal punishment for obtaining money under false report.

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The time is near at hand for the Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District of Kentucky to select a standard bearer for Democracy's colors in November. A number of men—men of wide influence and high reputations—are spoken of as probable candidates for the nomination.

Aside from personal feelings, a very important duty confronts every loyal Democrat of this district at this particular time and that is the duty of considering thoroughly the question as to who can carry this doubtful district to victory on election day.

Among those spoken of as candidates, interest seems to center on Carter county's choice, W. J. Fields. There are many reasons why we who are acquainted with the situation, believe Mr. Fields to be the most available leader for his party in the coming election.

First, he has always been a loyal and active Democrat. When the fire of the enemy was hottest he was always found in the front ranks enthusiastically defending the cause of Democracy, which we, as Democrats believe to be the cause of a free people.

Second, he comes from the ranks of the "Great Common People." Born and reared under the hand of adversity, he is perfectly familiar with the needs of the masses, and has the natural ability and moral courage to ably and fearlessly represent them in the halls of Congress. His life has been a civic one, and his greatest ambition has been to serve his country in the Science of Government.

Third, he comes before us with a character unimpeachable. Honesty and integrity have been his guides from boyhood. His life is that of a sober, progressive and loyal citizen; ever ready to serve his fellow men, and also an active worker in the cause of Christianity. Democracy's colors will float from a clean hand. If placed in the hands of William J. Fields.

Fourth, having been engaged in business, in most of the counties of the district, for the past ten years, he is personally acquainted with more people than any other candidate who seeks the nomination. This, within itself, is a very important reason why his candidacy should be earnestly considered by every Democrat who wants to see his party win in November.

Mr. Fields carries with him a personality which appeals to the people. Intelligent, jovial, and a splendid talker, he is always able to interest the crowd. As an orator his ability is admirable. Possessing as he does that power of expression which appeals to the reasoning faculties of men, he can ably and skillfully handle the question that comes before him for public discussion. Over that portion of the district where he is known, many Republicans stand pledged to his support if the Democrats give him the nomination. This is due to the fact that the fairness with which he has opposed them in the past, and the upright life he lives before them, command their respect and support.

So as a Democrat who has carefully studied the situation, and who is personally acquainted with many of the men who will appear as candidates before our convention, this year, I appeal to every loyal Democrat to earnestly consider the candidacy of W. J. Fields; believing as I do that he is by far the strongest candidate now before us, and will be strong enough in November to triumphantly lead us to victory, and redeem the Ninth Congressional District of Kentucky from Republican hands.

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